

News from the Wyoming Department of Health

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New Administrators Named for Developmental Disabilities Division, Wyoming State Hospital

Two key personnel changes are being announced today by the Wyoming Department of Health.

Chris Newman has been named as administrator of the department's Developmental Disabilities Division, and Bob Stahl has taken over as administrator of the Wyoming State Hospital in Evanston

"I am grateful to Chris and Bob for their willingness to step up and accept these important positions with our department," said Dr. Brent Sherard, Wyoming Department of Health director and state health officer. "The clients and patients they serve deserve the best of care and I'm confident in the leadership Chris and Bob will provide.

The Developmental Disabilities Division provides funding and support for the services needed by Wyoming residents with disabilities. The division also includes the Wyoming Life Resource Center in Lander.

Newman has been with the division since 2003, working most recently as deputy administrator and community programs manager. Previously, she served in similar positions with disability-related programs in Indiana.

Newman takes over following the retirement of longtime department employee Cliff Mikesell.

The Wyoming State Hospital has been providing mental health services in Evanston for Wyoming residents since 1887. The hospital is one of five Wyoming Department of Health healthcare facilities.

Stahl has been serving as interim administrator since August, and previously served as interim administrator from November 2007 through February 2009. He has been employed at the facility since 1992 in a number of roles ranging from a rehabilitation specialist working directly with patients to various management positions.

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